

Traffic Stop leads to Cocaine Arrest

In the early morning hours of June 4, a 1993 Honda SUV was stopped for a traffic violation on Hwy. 76 near Circle K by Towns a County Sheriff's Deputy.

Deputy Jimmy Nations conducted the traffic stop, and during the course of the stop, a bag containing over a half pound of suspected cocaine was discovered in the vehicle. Deputy Ken Kelly and an agent with the Appalachian Drug Task Force arrived on the scene within a short time. The substance was field tested and tested positive for cocaine. The drug task force is awaiting confirmation from the GBI crime lab.

This vehicle's driver had allegedly been travelling from Murphy, NC to Circle K in Hiawassee when it was stopped. The vehicle was impounded at the Towns County Detention Center.

Stephanie Torres, 19, of Hayesville, NC, was arrested and charged with Trafficking Cocaine, Suspended Registration and Failure to Maintain Lane. The subject is being held in the Towns County Detention Center awaiting bond.

